DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: POSITION: Oppose

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BILL NUMBER: SB 1066 AUTHOR: J. Oropeza

BILL SUMMARY: Corrections: Inspector General

This bill would require the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to conduct periodic and random searches of all employees and vendors entering CDCR facilities and to report regarding those searches, as specified.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The OIG estimates that this bill would require additional staff and travel expense in order to perform one random day of searches per month at each institution. The OIG estimates that this bill would require \$539,000 General Fund in salaries and benefits and \$60,000 General Fund for travel expenses annually.

The CDCR estimates that this bill would result in costs of \$600,000 General Fund annually in order to perform the searches one day per month at each institution and to draft quarterly reports for the legislature. Additionally, this bill could result in long waiting periods for staff going to and from their posts which would result in additional General Fund costs.

Any request for additional funding would be assessed as part of the annual budget process.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it would result in additional General Fund costs and is unnecessary. The CDCR, with support from the OIG, already conducts surprise searches for contraband. Additionally, the CDCR notes concerns with publishing specific data on contraband searches because it could negatively impact the effectiveness of searches.

Current law defines contraband and imposes penalties for bringing contraband into CDCR facilities.

This bill would require the CDCR to conduct, and the OIG to oversee, periodic and random searches of all employees and vendors entering CDCR facilities. Additionally, this bill would require the CDCR, in consultation with the OIG, to provide a quarterly written report to the Legislature detailing the results of the searches, as specified.

	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)				
Code/Department	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)				
Agency or Revenue	CO	PROP				Fund
Туре	RV	98	FC	2009-2010 FC	2010-2011 FC	2011-2012 Code
0552/Insp General	SO	No		C	\$300 C	\$599 0001
5225/Corr & Rehab	SO	No		C	\$300 C	\$600 0001

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